## CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.    A  remote  control  device  for  remotely  selecting channels on a video device, said control device comprising:

a  transmitter  for  transmitting  control  signals  to  said video device;

a plurality of favorite channel group keys;

each   of   said   channel   group   keys   adapted   for controlling  the  selection  of  a  predetermined  group  of  channels less than all available channels;

said  unit  having  an  up/down  key  device  for  scanning through  channels  to  be  selected  in  said  video  device  other  than said  channels  selectable  by  means  of  said  favorite  channel  group keys;

said  up/down  key  device  being  adapted  to  scroll upwardly and downwardly through the list of channels included in the  channels  selected  by  the  operation  of  one  of  said  favorite channel group keys.

2.    A device as in Claim 1 in which said up/down key device  is  enabled  to  control  the  selection  of  channels  only  in  a selected  one  of  said  groups  when  one  of  said  favorite  channel group keys has been operated.

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3. A device as in Claim 1 including a memory and means for storing in said memory control signals for the channels in each of said groups, said up/down key device being adapted to operate to retrieve control signals from said memory upon the operation of one of said channel group keys.

4. A method of operating a remote control device to rapidly select a desired channel, said method comprising:

(a) storing identification signals for a plurality of selected channels in each of a plurality of groups;

(b) operating one of a plurality of switches, one for each of said groups, to select the channels in one of said groups; and

(c) using the up/down scrolling device of said remote control device to scroll through said channels in said one group.

5. A process for controlling the transmission of control signals from a remote controller to a video receiver so as to select a channel within a favorite channel group when a favorite channel selector switch is operated and to select another channel when a favorite channel group is not selected.

6. A process as in Claim 5 including detecting the simultaneous actuation of a favorite channel selector switch and

a predetermined other switch to actuate a storage mode to enable programming channel and device selection data into a memory.

7. A process as in Claim 6 including detecting whether an input is a channel "up" switch or a channel "down" switch during said storage mode, and changing the channel to be stored accordingly.

8. A process as in Claim 7, including using a line counter to count the number of digits in a channel member and store that count in memory, and reading out said line count when retrieving a channel number from memory and signaling completion of read-out when the line count for a given channel has been met.

9. A process as in Claim 5 including the step of determining the character of the channels of each of a plurality of said groups, each being actuated by a different group selection switch on a remote controller, and making the channels within each such group within the same character.

10. A process as in Claim 6 in which said other switch is a MUTE switch.